Providing latest equipments to the Weavers Service Centres

2611. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposal to equip the Weavers Service Centres with the latest equipment in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the equipment that Government have proposed to provide to the Weavers Service Centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has decided to provide the Weavers' Service Centres with Personal Computers and Computer Aided Design Systems. Out of the existing 24 Weavers' Service Centres, 18 Centres have already been provided with Computer Aided Design Systems and 20 Centres out of the existing 24, have been provided with Personal Computers.

Organisation of Tex-Styles India 2002 by ITPO

2612. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the success of Tex-Styles India—2002 organised by India Trade Promotion Organisation;

(b) the details of the prospects of India Textiles in overseas market; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Tex-Styles India 2002 organised from 10—13 February, 2002 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi was a success. 293 companies participated in the fair of which 71% were repeat participants. The fair attracted more than 9,500 business visitors as against a figure of 8,500 for the previous year. The number of overseas visitors to the fair was 2,250 as agaisnt 2,077 for the previous year. Over 600 buying agents representing